

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** during the Revolutionary War, more than 200 battles and skirmishes were fought in South Carolina, earning our state the patriotic slogan, "Battleground of Freedom;" and

**WHEREAS,** the fall of Charleston and surrender of 5,000 troops on May 12, 1780, considered one of the greatest losses of the Americans, was followed by significant victories across the state; and

**WHEREAS,** the battles fought throughout the Palmetto State are widely recognized as the turning point of the war; and

**WHEREAS,** a broad coalition of organizations and sites around South Carolina will present re-enactments, interpretations, period theater and concerts and host other activities during this 2-year celebration in our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim 2005 – 2007 as the

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the pivotal role the Palmetto State played in our country's fight for independence.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**